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SUBJ: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. DEPT WILL BE SENDING GENERAL CIRCULAR TO POSTS OUTLINING REPORT AS A WHOLE, CITING SOME OF MAJOR THEMES IN INTRODUCTION AND PROVIDING AMBASSADORS WITH TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTERS. EACH POST WILL BE RECEIVING SEVEN COPIES OF REPORT, MOST OF WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES.

2. USIA, THROUGH WIRELESS FILE, IS PROVIDING POSTS WITH COMPLETE TEXTS OF OVERALL INTRODUCTION AND EVERYTHING IN EUR SECTION EXCEPT COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. USIA WILL BE ASKING USIS POSTS TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM ATTENTION FOR THE REPORT.

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3. DEPT IS ALSO SENDING CABLE TO EACH POST PROVIDING

(A) FULL TEXT OF APPROPRIATE COUNTRY OR MULTILATERAL (NATO, EC, OECD) PORTION OF EUR SECTION OF REPORT, AND
(B) GUIDANCE ON SPECIAL POINTS AND POLICIES WHICH SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED IN LOCAL SITUATION. CABLES ON NATO, AND OECD ARE BEING SENT NOT ONLY TO BRUSSELS AND PARIS BUT INFO TO OTHER EUR POSTS.

4. INTRODUCTION TO EUR SECTION PROVIDES USEFUL OVERVIEW

OF FOREIGN POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1972. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS (SEE USIS WIRELESS FILE FOR FULL TEXT).

(A) " MUCH OF WHAT WAS PROMISING IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN EUROPE IN 1971 MATERIALIZED IN 1972. PRESIDENT NIXON' S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN MAY DRAMATIZED THIS NEW MOVEMENT TOWARD RECONCILIATION. THE UNITED STATES AND ITS WESTERN ALLIES ACHIEVED KEY AGREEMENTS WITH THE EAST LAST YEAR - SALT, THE FINAL QUADRIPARTITE PROTOCOL ON BERLIN, THE INNER GERMAN TREATY, AND A WEB OF BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE STRIKING EVIDENCE OF HOW FAR THE EAST AND WEST HAVE MOVED FROM CONFRONTATION TO NEGOTIATION.

(B) " STILL, CAUTION IS IN ORDER. PROFOUND DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN THE POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND IDEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND THE STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE. ACHIEVEMENT DOES NOT IMPLY FINALITY - WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN EUROPE WHICH IS OUR COMMON GOAL.

(C) " RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE IN 1972 MAY NOT HAVE ATTRACTED THE SAME PUBLIC ATTENTION AS DID THE CONDUCT OF OUR AFFAIRS WITH THE EAST EUROPEANS, BUT OUR CONCERN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STRONG, HEALTHY TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE WAS UNDIMINISHED. THE AREA REMAINS AT THE CORE OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY."

(D) INTRODUCTION THEN REFERS TO WESTERN EUROPE' S ECONOMIC/ MILITARY STRENGTH AND INCREASING INTEGRATION. IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAYS UNITED STATES CAN TAKE " MEASURE OF PRIDE AND CREDIT"

FOR THIS " SOUND STATE OF HEALTH", SINCE " EUROPEAN UNITY
HAS LONG BEEN A BASIC GOAL OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY."

(E) INTRODUCTION MENTIONS THAT DURING 1972 WE WORKED
INTENSIVELY WITH THE EC AND OUR OTHER EUROPEAN TRADING
PARTNERS TO LAY FIRM FOUNDATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN 1973
ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY REFORM.

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